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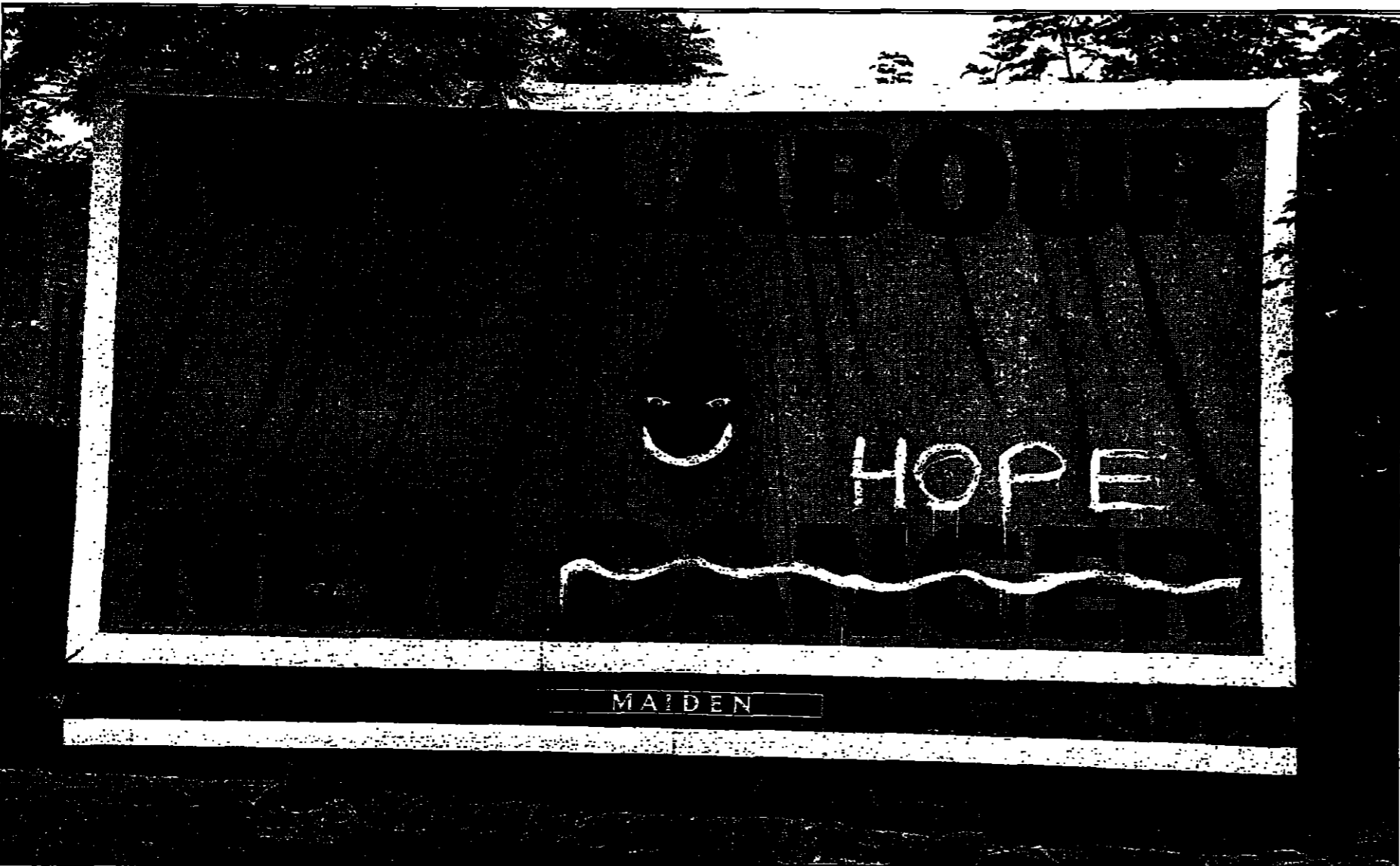
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Is the game up for tobacco companies? The last gasp. G2 with European weather.

The Festival Velázquez in Edinburgh. Arts G2, pages 10/11.

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Church criticises Tory 'demon Blair' poster



Public verdict... The offending Tory 'demon' poster amended on a hoarding in Alfreton in Derbyshire. A Labour poll showed wide resentment against such posters. PHOTOGRAPH: PAUL TONGE

'Puerile' use of satanic imagery endangers party's £10 million campaign with angry backlash

Rebecca Smithers THE Conservative Party's £10 million pre-election campaign strategy was thrown into turmoil last night, as highly-respected Church leaders warned that the use of "satanic" imagery in its latest advertising campaign was potentially dangerous.

underlined with shadow cabinet member Clare Short's recent comments about New Labour. "It's a lie and it's dangerous."

Labour's election campaign manager Peter Mandelson retorted: "To show such contempt for the Bishop of Oxford shows how deep in the gutter the Tories are and how completely out of touch they are with ordinary, decent opinion in Britain."

The poster was not intended to appeal to the "sneering so-called intellectuals of Islington" but was a graphic way of making a point.

Tory HQ sources is a puerile exercise and when that vilifying draws on satanic imagery it is not only silly but potentially dangerous," he said.

Later George Austin, the Archbishop of York, added his voice to the criticism, saying the poster was deeply offensive and that the Conservatives were heading in the direction of American political propaganda.

Taylor earlier warned party leaders they were wrong to concentrate on "negative" campaigning by attacking the Opposition. "Perhaps we're making the mistake of constantly attacking Mr Blair and the Labour Party," the leading Eurosceptic told the BBC.

The Liberal Democrats also leaped to Labour's defence. Lord Holmes, Liberal Democrat general election chairman, said his party was "appalled" by the latest advertising ploy, attempting to demonise Mr Blair.



Leader comment, page 8 said it made them more. The fears expressed about the satanic imagery were confirmed by the poll, where two-thirds of those questioned said they thought the advert was "untruthful and misleading" and portrayed Mr Blair as "devil-like or evil".

Doctor attacks 8-baby birth deal

Week Chaudhary

THE doctor treating Mandy Allwood, who is carrying eight fetuses, yesterday urged her to end her arrangement to sell her story to the News of the World, claiming it could harm her health.

But Stuart Kuttner, managing editor of the News of the World, denied last night that the amount being paid to Ms Allwood depends on the number of babies that are born.

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GPs refuse to aid gun vetting law

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent THE British Medical Association said yesterday that it would resist any move by MPs to make doctors responsible for authenticating the mental stability of firearms applicants.

Cereal killer shops prison

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent MUESLI could now replace porridge as the slang term for an extraordinary legal case brought by an inmate.

Brown, a former bouncer and martial arts enthusiast who was jailed in 1987 for the murder of a woman as part of an insurance fraud, took the prison to court, which duly awarded him 25p and ordered the Home Office to pay costs.

500 category C inmates, including some serving life sentences and being prepared for release. Last week, a secretary in the jail's educational department was stabbed by a prisoner with a screwdriver.

MoD admits nuclear weapon accidents at airforce bases

Seumas Milne THE Ministry of Defence yesterday began to buckle under the pressure of evidence and admitted there had been accidents involving nuclear weapons at American air bases in Britain. But it dismissed such incidents as "minor".

nuclear weapons. Somebody might have dropped it a foot on to the ground, which would probably not even result in a scratch, but it is classified as an accident.

Inside Britain The dismemberment of Tony Rowland's London got underway with the group about to float its hotel business next month for £800 million.

World News Bosnian Serb leaders were set to end defiance over weapons inspections after Nato began preparations for a confrontation.

Finance Hopes of a further interest rate cut were boosted by the lowest rate of manufacturing output price inflation for almost 30 years.

Sport Bruce Rioch was sensationally sacked by Arsenal. Leeds bought Lee Sharpe for £4.5 million and Terry Venables took over at Portsmouth.

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Form for Open University application, including fields for Name, Address, Postcode, and a coupon to request a prospectus.

Sketch

Jerry points way to God and power



Peter Preston

WE BEGAN, of course, with prayer. No Republican convention could start without them, commodiously blessing the hall, the delegates, the mayor and city of San Diego, the flag and the voting people. Much praying in the electoral marsh. Done from habit or deep belief? I left the delegates limbering up and did something I've not done for years. I went to church.

good children on an exponential curve of desecration, generation by generation. Johnston talks for almost an hour without a script and without a pause. Maybe, as he says, his 1,301st appearance; but still a class act. At the close, in the forecourt, he offers his Family Enrichment Packs (\$60, reduced from \$120). Pack one is books, including Grandkids' Hardest Questions and Inspire Your Kids to Greatness. Pack Two is videos, including Danielle Asks: How far can I go on a date? ("Jerry and his own teenage daughter discover the key biblical passage which is a clear road map to dating.") Both packs, plus that new book on Risk Salvation, check in at a "special combo" priced at \$100, saving \$35.

Festival review

Sorry script slays beautiful dragon

Derek Malcolm

THE Edinburgh Film Festival, 50 years old this year but young at heart, opened with a sword-and-sorcery epic which might have been made at the time the festival was inaugurated. The reason was obvious. Rob Cohen's Dragonheart stars the voice, if not the body, of Edinburgh's most celebrated milkman, Sean Connery. He plays not St George but The Dragon, and he's the film festival's patron too.

after a fight that's a stalemate, the two combine first to con-frighten villagers into parting with cash for a fake dragon-slaying exhibition and then to rid the kingdom of somewhere or other of its nasty monarch. It's an uneven match between Quaid and the beautifully animated dragon. And neither Peter Postlethwaite nor Julie Christie have much coherent to do as a wandering friar who looks like he's strayed out of Robin Hood or the King's mother who is ever so slightly disappointed in her vile son.

Soccer strike moves closer as players' union ballots members

THE prospect of English league football's first strike moved closer yesterday when the players' union began balloting members on industrial action despite claims from the Football League that such a move would be illegal.

season starts, the Professional Footballers' Association announced plans to ballot members in the First, Second and Third divisions on action which will involve refusing to play in front of television cameras.



Alexander Lebed, after agreeing with the Chechen rebel leader on the need for a rapid ceasefire. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID BRACHUKI

Lebed gets free hand in Chechnya

James Meek in Moscow

BORIS Yeltsin is to give his national security adviser Alexander Lebed unprecedented powers to solve the crisis in Chechnya, the separatist general said yesterday after a lightning visit to the separatist territory. Gen Lebed said he had met the rebel military leader, Aslan Maskhadov, and agreed on the need for a rapid ceasefire before talks on autonomy.

lier attempts to make a deal with the separatists. Gen Lebed, who reported to Mr Yeltsin yesterday about his meeting with the separatists, said Gen Maskhadov had accepted that "Russia can get by without Chechnya, but Chechnya cannot get by without Russia" and agreed that some form of autonomy would be acceptable.

Lonrho break-up launched with £800m flotation

Hotels business sell-off signals final chapter for conglomerate built up by Tiny Rowland

THE dismemberment of Lonrho, the international trading conglomerate built up over 35 years by Tiny Rowland, got under way yesterday with the disclosure that the group is to float off its hotels business next month for up to £800 million.

non-mining activities later this year. Lonrho Africa, as it will be called, will consist of other predominantly African businesses collected over the years by Mr Rowland, but will include Dutton Forshaw and Jack Barclay, the car dealerships.

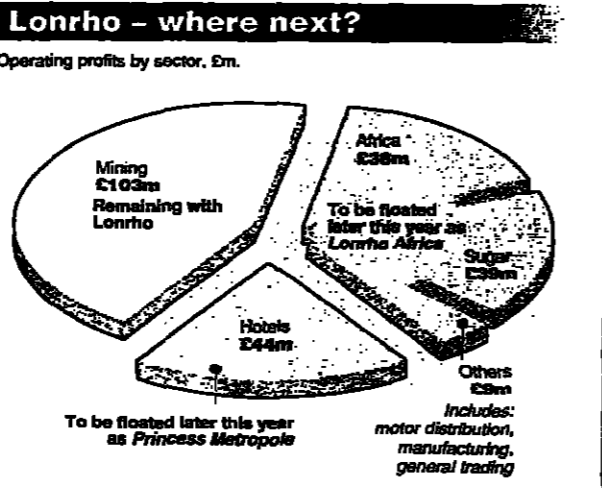
At its height, Lonrho controlled about 700 companies in more than 50 countries, with Mr Rowland - once described by former prime minister Edward Heath as "the unacceptable face of capitalism" - the feared corporate raider at its helm.

The break-up of Lonrho, which has been generally welcomed by the City, is the final chapter for one of the most controversial companies Britain has seen.

Mozambique and Mauritius, which the new company will continue to manage, but which will be retained by Lonrho Africa.



Old foes... Tiny Rowland, left, and Dieter Bock



However, the City lost its fondness for Lonrho as conglomerates went out of fashion in the 1980s, while Mr Rowland was seen as losing his touch after his long-running battle with Harrods owner Mohammed Al Fayed.

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Photocards slash fraud and save bank £1m

THE Royal Bank of Scotland yesterday attacked rivals for failing to follow its lead in putting customer photographs on bank and credit cards, a practice which has cut fraud dramatically on its 500,000 plastic cards.

photocards are no longer available, leaving the Royal Bank of Scotland the only issuer in the market. But a spokeswoman for Midland Bank said: "We are not convinced that photocards have any tangible benefits. These figures don't stack up according to our research."

few cards. "While only one or two cards on the market have photos, they are a novelty and easily discarded by thieves in favour of others. But if a large proportion of cards had photos, we believe criminals would start to use them," said a spokeswoman.

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Debate on press deal and pregnancy overwhelms couple □ Private lives held up for scrutiny

Conception of a multiple nightmare

The hopes and joys of new life have exploded in the faces of Mandy Allwood and Paul Hudson. Vivek Chaudhary traces the trail

MANDY Allwood, in hiding in an Oxford hotel with her partner Paul Hudson, woke up yesterday to face the full effects of the deal in which she has sold her story to a Sunday newspaper.

Graphic reports about her personal and business life, an alleged police investigation into a petrol fraud and comments from her family calling her a "money grabber" have appeared in national newspapers over the past two days.

For Ms Allwood, it is all in stark contrast to the events of May, when she discovered that she was pregnant, marking the end of a two-year trauma in which her desire to have a baby with Mr Hudson dominated her life.

Ms Allwood met Paul Hudson in 1992, when she was working for General Accident Property Services. Both were involved in other relationships — Ms Allwood was married to Simon Pugh with whom she had a son named Charlie in 1991 and Mr Hudson was living with his partner Maria Edwards.

The son of Jamaican immigrants, Mr Hudson was the epitome of the 1980s yuppie, a flamboyant young business man who cruised nightclubs in his gold BMW and had a bit of a reputation as a "ladies man". He ran his own lettings company, called Chunkmonster Property, in Birmingham, and made the bulk of his money during the 1980s property boom.

The couple continued to have sex and in May Ms Allwood brought a home pregnancy kit which confirmed what she had been waiting for so long to hear — that the test was positive and she was pregnant.

It was not until July, however, that hospital scans revealed that there were eight babies. Mr Hudson approached Central Television and it was Central's reaction that brought home to him the impact and value of the story.

After speaking with his solicitor, he was advised to contact Max Clifford. He took the couple to the News of the World to negotiate a deal. Mr Clifford said: "They approached me at the beginning

of last week to tell me that this story was about to break, that people were aware that it was going to happen. So they came in to see me and I have tried to get together a package that would be of maximum benefit to all those involved."

The nature of the story meant that a special deal had to be worked out, effectively linking the amount of money the couple receive to the number of babies that will be born alive. While neither Mr Clifford nor the News of the World will confirm the money involved, it is believed that the couple still stand to make at least £100,000 if none of the babies is born. If all the babies are born they could make up to £1 million for their story and sponsorship.

Stuart Kuttner, managing editor of the News of the World, who was one of the key figures in negotiations, said yesterday there was no fine print linking the number of babies to the amount of money.

He told Radio 4's Today programme: "There is no step by step or contingency element whatsoever in the contract. The last thing the News of the World would want is for her to take any risk herself or to the children. We are not that kind of business."

One thing the couple probably never expected was national newspapers competing to expose the most personal details of their lives. Ms Allwood's sister Jackie Burgess is quoted in yesterday's Daily Mirror as saying: "Mandy is infatuated with [Paul] but I don't think even having Paul's babies would keep him. I just want her to be careful — her health is already suffering."

Ms Burgess added: "Mandy is a very strong character and very ambitious herself. You meet someone with property and money and your head gets turned." Other newspapers claimed that the couple have county court judgments against them for failing to pay debts totalling almost £2,000. According to reports, the couple have run up debts at four different addresses and Ms Allwood has applied for credit cards at least four times under her own name and five times under her married name.

The Daily Mirror claimed that Ms Allwood and her partner are to be questioned by police over a number of petrol thefts in the Midlands area. And then there is Mr Hudson's relationship with Marie Edwards, whom he met in a nightclub in 1991, and Ms Allwood's former marriage to Mr Pugh.

Ms Edwards and Mr Hudson are reported to live together in Leicestershire and have a son called Kane, now aged two, and Zack, aged seven months, who was born while Mr Hudson was also seeing Ms Allwood. News of her multiple pregnancy has, according to friends, left Ms Edwards upset and stunned. Some reports claim that she was unaware that he was having a relationship with another woman.

"She definitely has no intention of sharing Paul with Mandy — or anyone else for that matter." Mr Pugh, a plasterer, claims he has spent thousands of pounds fighting court battles for access to his son and Ms Allwood was having an affair with Mr Hudson while she was still married to him, which she denies. Mr Allwood's mother, Marion, who lives in Coventry, says she has disowned her daughter because of her relationship with Mr Hudson and found out about the multiple pregnancy only in the press. "She has caused us so much hurt. She had a good home and a loving family but she turned her back on us."



Mandy Allwood and Paul Hudson... friends said she was besotted with him and became desperate to have his child

The whys and wherefores of fertility drug treatment

What are these fertility drugs that Mandy Allwood took? Injectable gonadotrophins are hormone injections made from the urine of menopausal women. They cause a woman to ovulate.

Who takes them? Women who are failing to conceive because they are not ovulating. About one in six couples are infertile or under-fertile — ovulation is behind the problems of about 21 per cent of them. Male problems account for 26 per cent, tubal damage 14 per cent and unexplained problems 28 per cent.

Is this IVF? No. In vitro fertilisation is the extraction of eggs to be fertilised by sperm in a test tube. But fertility drugs are also taken in the early stages of IVF to increase the number of eggs the woman produces.

Can you get fertility drugs over the counter with a GP's prescription? No. GPs may prescribe a mild tablet if they think a woman is not ovulating properly, but anyone with real problems will be referred on to an NHS hospital or private fertility clinic.

Do you have to be in a stable relationship to get fertility drugs on the NHS? Not necessarily. It depends on the attitude of the local health authority — some will not pay for treatment unless the woman is married or has been co-habiting for some time. Others make no conditions. And GPs sometimes refuse to refer women for treatment.

What about private clinics? Those that do IVF are licensed by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which requires them to consider the welfare of any child that may be born. This means looking at the domestic circumstances of the would-be parents. Clinics do not have to do it when treating women with fertility drugs, but the authority generally expects them to uphold the same standards.

Do women inject the drugs themselves? The patient can be taught to do so, but more often it is done by a district nurse or the GP. It must be done at the beginning of the patient's cycle and often other drugs are given first to suppress the woman's own hormones.

Does it work? Some women respond straight away and fall pregnant; others never do. How does a multiple pregnancy come about? There is always a danger that a woman will overreact to the drugs. Doctors monitor the patient's reaction closely — often daily. If she is producing many eggs, she is told to refrain from sexual intercourse to avoid a multiple pregnancy. She will then be given a lower dose during a later cycle.

If a multiple pregnancy occurs, what is the usual procedure? Any multiple pregnancy carries dangers for both mother and babies. Doctors often advise a reduction in the numbers when four foetuses are conceived — even though quadruplets can be conceived naturally and survive.

Report: Sarah Boseley

Cash, fertility and a savage media

Ruaridh Nicol
JEAN Vince, who gave birth to sextuplets in May 1993, yesterday had a clear message for Mandy Allwood: "Do what's best for you and your kids and ignore what the papers say." Ms Vince should know. The media savaged her.



The Vinces and their babies... before the problems started

The deals quickly shaped up. Jean's partner Jan was signed up by Carling Black Label. They were also expecting a slew of offers from baby food and nappy making companies.

The babies, Valerie, Gregory, Jessica, Stephanie, Rebecca and Katie, because of their place as only the third surviving set of sextuplets in Britain, were seen as the perfect advertisement.

But by the Sunday following the birth, Jean and Jan were under attack from the tabloids. The deals quickly shaped up. Jean's partner Jan was signed up by Carling Black Label. They were also expecting a slew of offers from baby food and nappy making companies.

While her children were being attached to drips and placed into ventilators, a deal was being struck between the parents and a publicity agent, Liverpool based Philip Ettinger. Her babies were to be optioned for sponsorship and their parents' story offered for sale.

It was for the children's good because bringing up that many children is expensive. "We got in touch with Ettinger because he had been recommended to us," said Ms Vince. "We were totally in his hands because we needed the money for the children."

Ms Vince, then Gibbins, gave birth in St James's hospital in Leeds. The tabloids were turning them over. It was soon clear that the couple were not married, that they did not live together and that Jan had fathered three other children by another woman.

"We were expecting bad press," said Ms Vince. "But not the depths they went to. Because of the bad publicity it didn't look as if there was going to be a deal but then the News of the World said they would do it. We said yes because we would never have got

our side of the story out." The nappy companies like their babies pure and so the sponsorship deals were fast slipping away. Although the couple married within two months of the birth, the papers — both tabloid and broadsheet — had seen their opportunity to take the moral high ground and wondered loudly why so much money had been spent making an unwed mother fertile.

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MICHELIN PILOTS NUMBER 50 VICTORIES

Michelin Pilots have notched up an impressive 50 victories in the three years since Michelin entered the British Touring Car Championship. That's more than all other competing tyre manufacturers put together and 58% of the total

number of stars since 1993. Moreover, Michelin Pilots won the Championship outright in 1994 and 1995. And it should come as no surprise that most of the famous "Pilots" this year are racing on Michelin — Cleland, Harvey, Leslie.

Menu, Radisich, Rydell and Winkelhock to name but a few. And no wonder that this year Michelin Pilot tyres are also the choice of virtually all the leading car marques — BMW, Ford, Honda, Nissan, Peugeot, Renault, Vauxhall and Volvo.

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MoD's belated attempt to explain away evidence of 1959 weapons accident unlikely to satisfy critics

Nuclear denial 'not enough'

Seumas Milne

THE Government's attempts yesterday to explain away the first documentary evidence of a nuclear weapons accident in Britain — directly contradicting years of Ministry of Defence denials — is unlikely to satisfy growing demands for a full account.

The 49 Squadron record book at RAF Wittering, Cambridgeshire, for May 1959 — first revealed at the weekend and now lodged at the Public Record Office in Kew — recorded that during "Exercise Maylight" a "2,000lb nuclear weapon was accidentally jettisoned from a Canberra bomber, resulting in severe damage to the weapon".

An MoD spokeswoman said last night that it was not yet clear whether such an accident had taken place. In any case it could not involve a nuclear weapon because such exercises never used live warheads. "It would have been an inert training round, or dummy," she insisted.

She said that she could not explain why the squadron commander had used the "phraseology" he did because it was so long after the event. Government explanations of the other main focus of concern over nuclear weapons accidents — the growing evidence of radiation leaks from a burnt-out US nuclear-armed aircraft at Greenham Common in the late 1960s — seem no more likely to silence its chorus of critics.

The MoD said that leaked research carried out in 1961 by two government scientists showing contamination of the surrounding area with enriched uranium 235 — the fissile component of nuclear weapons — had been contradicted by studies in 1986 and 1994.

Even if the original report was correct, the MoD said yesterday, the levels of radiation were relatively low and it would be impossible now to determine the cause of its release. Labour and the Liberal Democrats called for the Government to "come clean".



FIREFIGHTERS search homes in Black Bull Road, Folkestone, yesterday after six people were injured when a shop collapsed due to the weight of the rainwater from flash floods writes Lucy Manning. A Kent Fire Brigade spokesman said: "It tumbled like a pack of cards".

Folkestone High Street was left under six inches of water and firefighters using inflatable boats had to rescue 42 people from a row of flooded houses. Five were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

Dover, Folkestone and Hythe were without electricity. The floods caused disruption on the roads near Ashford and the M20, which was down to one lane. The rain caused signalling problems at Ashford, which disrupted rail services. Eurostar trains passing through Ashford International Station were also affected.

Labour 'would discuss reform with monarchy'

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

LABOUR appeared to concede yesterday that a Blair government would have to consider reforms to the monarchy, after publication of plans by one of its own parliamentary candidates calling for the Queen to be stripped of her constitutional powers and reduced to a ceremonial figurehead.

In a 7,500-word pamphlet entitled *Long to Reign Over Us*, published yesterday by the leftwing Fabian Society, Paul Richards urges Tony Blair to end "Labour's last taboo" by addressing the need for reform.

Mr Richards, Labour's parliamentary candidate for Billericay in Essex, has put together proposals which include scrapping the Civil List, the transfer of all powers encompassed by Royal Prerogative to the Commons Speaker, a new national anthem and a referendum on the future of the monarchy every 10 years.

"The Labour Party, to be serious about governing Britain, cannot duck the issue any longer," he writes. "This issue is something that the Labour Party has managed particularly well in its 96-year history. No serious attempt has been made by any Labour government to reform the monarchy, nor has any serious suggestion been made of reform while in opposition."

Labour sources moved swiftly to distance the party from the report, insisting it did not constitute party policy, and that Mr Blair would not be influenced by it.

Frank Dobson, the shadow environment secretary, said: "Tony Blair has consistently expressed his great admiration for the job the Queen does. There is no prospect of a Labour government seeking to alter the role or the political status of the Queen."

'Oh God, what an injustice' — Welsh seek pardon for working class hero hanged after 1831 uprising

James Mollie

HE WAS a working class hero when Karl Marx was barely a teenager. Today, 135 years after Dic Penderyn, a martyr of the 1831 Merthyr rising, was executed, Welsh campaigners plan to petition the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, for a pardon.

They hope recognition that Penderyn was innocent will help turn the still modest annual commemoration of his death into a national day of remembrance.

"This is a wrong that really has to be righted," said Charlie Gale, a Labour councillor in Cardiff for 23 years. "The whole episode was a great injustice."

In 1831 iron and coal workers took over the Mid Glamorgan town for nearly five days. They are famously claimed to have paraded under a sheet daubed with the blood of a lamb and a calf.

Up to two dozen men, women and children died, and another 74 were injured in the subsequent fighting, and Penderyn, aged 23, was accused of stabbing a soldier, one Private Black of the 93rd Highlanders. He was taken to Cardiff and hanged, his last words being: "Oh God, what an injustice."

Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiff West, said: "Wales has never been able to decide whether to regard Penderyn as an innocent naif or as a victim of authorities determined to stamp out trouble."

Others accused of leading the disturbances were transported. Forty years later, a man called Iwan Parker is said to have confessed to the attack on his deathbed.

News in brief

Tube strike off as ballot is called

TODAY'S 24-hour walkout on the London Underground was called off yesterday after the rail unions agreed to put a shorter hours and pay package to a ballot of the 2,500 drivers. But the future of the dispute, which has closed the LU network seven times over the past couple of months, still hangs in the balance as Aslef, the main drivers' union, will recommend the offer but the Rail Maritime and Transport union is urging a 'No' vote. LU managers are prepared to meet the drivers' aim of a 35-hour week by 1998, in exchange for 20 months' wage settlements at 2 per cent below the inflation rate — a pay cut in real terms of more than 10 per cent.

Major boost for Goldsmith

THE financier Sir James Goldsmith yesterday appointed a former Downing Street aide as his Referendum Party's chief press officer. Ian Beaumont, 38, spent seven-and-a-half years working in the No 10 press office under Margaret Thatcher and John Major — before joining the Metropolitan police press team two years ago. Although Mr Beaumont as a civil servant was supposed to be politically impartial, his recruitment to the Referendum Party will be seen as something of a coup for Sir James. The Tories are already alarmed at his threat — backed by a £20 million war chest — to run candidates against Conservatives at the general election unless they support his call for a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU. Some Conservative strategists fear they could undermine their chances in a number of key marginals.

'Glorious Twelfth' troubles

THE OPENING day of the red grouse shooting season — the "Glorious Twelfth" — got off to a turbulent start yesterday. A gamekeeper was injured when around 50 animal rights campaigners charged across Stanhope Common, west Durham, waving sticks and flags at a 12-strong shooting party. Police from Durham and Cumbria allowed the hunting party to move on. The Savoy Hotel in London which had grouse on the menu was besieged by banner-waving protesters from London Animal Action and the Hunt Saboteurs Association. Police moved campaigners from the hotel's entrance, which they said was in a private street, and their protests continued in The Strand. A spokesman for London Animal Action said: "There's nothing glorious about the twelfth of August for the grouse."

Boys' blood samples wanted

FRENCH investigators hunting the killer of the Cornish schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson confirmed yesterday that they wish to take blood samples from the four teenage boys who travelled with her Launceston College party to Brittany. Caroline, who was 13, was found raped and suffocated three weeks ago in the small youth hostel dormitory she was sharing with four classmates in the town of Pléne Fougères. Last week when police released Patrick Paddy, a 38-year-old vagrant who had confessed to the crime, DNA tests showed he could not have committed the rape. A French source confirmed that, unlike the male coach driver and two male teachers in the group, the four boys had not given blood tests. Paul Tyler, the Liberal Democrat MP for Cornwall North, said the lack of information from France was not helpful in terms of dispelling speculation. — Alex Dural Smith in Paris and Geoffrey Gibbs

BBC efficiency reviewed

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, yesterday ordered a fresh efficiency study into the BBC to review the level of the television licence fee currently at £89.50 for colour and £30 for black and white. Consultants Braxton Associates will examine the corporation's progress in achieving greater efficiency and exploiting additional sources of revenue. A BBC spokesman said: "We look forward to taking the opportunity to demonstrate how we have further improved our efficiency, exceeding the targets set for us at the last review and turning savings into enhanced programme output." In its annual report last month the corporation said it had ploughed savings of £100 million back into programme-making over the past year. Staff had fallen by 850 to 19,800. — Andrew Culf

Railtrack's dire warning

A SHOCK-tactic cassette tape, using graphic language to warn drivers of the dangers of missing automatic level crossings, was issued yesterday by Railtrack. It tells motorists: "If you get hit by a high-speed train, the police could be looking for your remains over as much as three-quarters of a mile of track. What remains of you and your passenger could end up being scraped off the track and put into several plastic bags."

Prisoner found hanged

THE Prison Reform Trust called for further training in suicide prevention for prison staff yesterday after a 21-year-old remand prisoner was found hanged in Armitage jail, Leeds. Andrew Smith, of Beeston, Leeds, had been in the Victorian prison since the end of May, facing robbery charges. The acting prison governor, Chris Walker, said that the dead man was not on the suicide watch list introduced after a spate of deaths between 1988 and 1992. Mr Smith was on his own in a cell in B Wing, which houses a mixture of remand and convicted inmates.

Correction

LISTENING figures for Virgin 1215AM's Russ and Jono Breakfast Show fell by 5.2 per cent between the first and second quarters of 1996, and not as reported in Saturday's Guardian. The decline, recorded in figures from Radio Joint Audience Research Ltd was in line with the general 5 per cent fall in breakfast listening during the period.

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Investors get a slice of Macbeth action

Dan Glaister on how £500 buys into a 'fine tragic screenplay'

THE advertising proclaimed: "Your chance to share in the next exciting chapter of British film history." It could equally have said: "So you wanna be in the movies?"

The latest trend in the British film industry got under way yesterday at a castle near Fife: Macbeth, starring Jason Connery, son of Sean, Helen Baxendale and Brian Blessed, and a small array of private investors.

Macbeth is the first production from Macbeth plc, an offshoot of Gramplan Television and Cromwell Productions Limited, the company that made The Bruce and Chasing The Deer, two straight-to-video epics.

All three have been financed by a share issue, with private individuals investing a minimum of £500. As well as the usual perks, they also get to appear in the film.

"They all seem very happy to come down and have a go," said Connery, adjusting his costume in the castle's medieval dressing room. Connery plays the title role in what the share offer described as



Helen Baxendale: 'I know how hard it is to get funds'

"one of the finest tragic screenplays ever written".

"I'd heard about the scheme because I'd seen the advertisements in the press," said Connery. "A lot of people pooch-pooched the idea initially, but in the States they've created a film industry that has become self-perpetuating, whereas here we don't have an industry as such. What has been done here is pretty courageous."

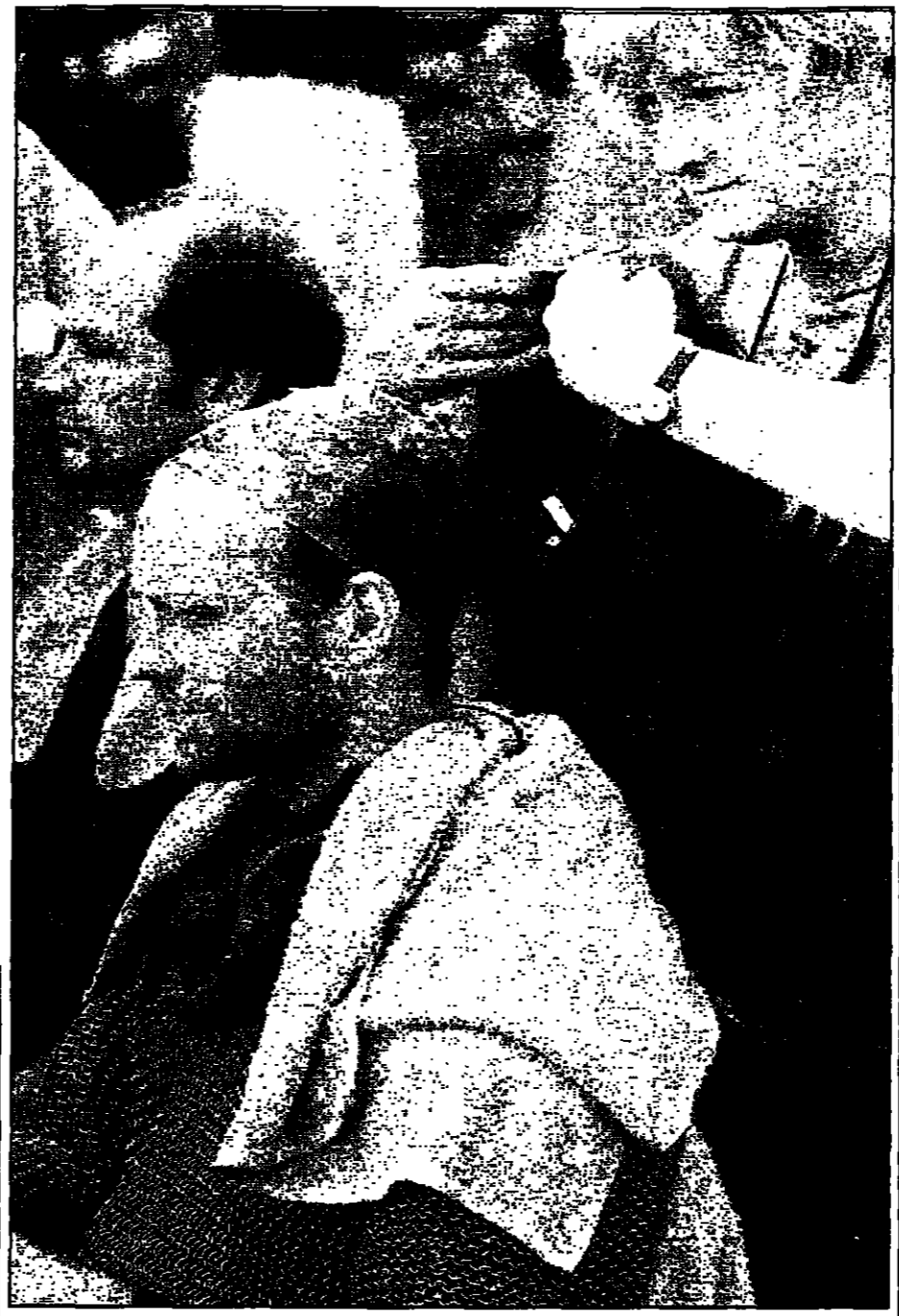
Helen Baxendale, who plays Lady Macbeth, agreed. "I didn't know any-

thing about the unconventional way of funding," she said. "I think there's a lot of snobbery going on. I've written a short film so I know how difficult it is to get funding."

The film's producer, Bob Carruthers, denied the idea was just a cinematic variation of vanity publishing. "It would be like vanity publishing if there wasn't an established company behind it," he said. "We learned a lot of lessons from The Bruce. It got quite a bad reception in some places but it's working much better for TV sales. It was a bit like being struck by lightning because Braveheart came out at the same time."

The movies do not necessarily represent a good money-making venture. Macbeth, to be followed by King Lear next year, should be released at the end of the year, if all goes well. Investors should not hold their breath waiting for a return, however.

"The investors in Chasing The Deer will take five to 10 years to get their money back," said Carruthers. "For many people in the film world that would be a result."



Balvaird Castle, Tayside, where Macbeth plc is filming the tragedy starring Jason Connery, above right. Baxendale and an army of small investors PHOTOGRAPH BY MURDO MACLEOD

Insurance offered for drug injury

Owen Bowcott

INSURANCE against the consequences of drug-taking was put on sale yesterday by a firm of City brokers in the face of claims that the policy will encourage teenage ecstasy abuse.

Goodfellow Rebecca Ingrams Pearsons Ltd is offering up to £100,000 in lump sum compensation for those who suffer "permanent total disability" after taking non-injected drugs.

With a premium of £15 a year, the policy is aimed at parents who fear they cannot control their children, rather than at young people who believe they are in danger from swallowing drugs such as ecstasy, LSD or amphetamines.

Around 70 people have been killed by ecstasy since the late 1980s, including Leah Betts of Essex, who died after taking the drug at her 18th birthday party.

Leah's mother, Janet, yesterday attacked the insurance plan as exploitative. "This kind of thing gives me a funny sick feeling," she said. "I wonder what the world is coming to. It is just another sales pitch, and this man is as bad as the dealers. I don't think many parents will take up this offer."

The insurance, which also provides compensation for death and dismemberment, is underwritten by one French and three German insurers, all of whom have asked to remain anonymous.

Last week Lloyds insurance market withdrew its support for another Goodfellow Rebecca Ingrams Pearsons scheme, which allows prostitutes who cannot work because of back pain to claim up to 90 per cent of their declared earnings over the previous 12 months.

Simon Burgess, managing director of the broking firm, said: "This is a unique disability insurance based on figures which show that the risk of deaths from drugs like ecstasy is considerably less than from smoking."

"I am a parent myself and I know that I will not be able to regulate my children's social life. I felt that since there is a chance they will take drugs then there should be some insurance, because if they become ill or die it is an accident."

The firm received more than 800 inquiries yesterday. "Most of those who rang were parents. They are the ones who will have to pick up the pieces. The youngsters probably won't be interested. They think it's never going to happen to them."

"I know there may be some knee-jerk reactions against the policy, but I'm highlighting the dangers, not encouraging them."

Among other risks the firm has insured against are: contracting the degenerative illness CJD, injury or death from terrorism, giving birth to twins, and falling ill with salmonella food poisoning.

The latest policy does not cover drugs such as heroin taken intravenously, although the final wording clear is still being drafted by lawyers.

Groundsman's appeal dismissed by tribunal

John Ezard

IN HAPPIER days, Tony Pocock could think of nothing better than being a head cricket groundsman. Asked about his worst experience in his job, he said: "I can't think of one."

But yesterday his 30 year career at Fenner's, Cambridge, ended in defeat and depression. Mr Pocock, aged 47 - a single man who was married to his work and still in love with it - lost an industrial tribunal case.

It rejected his charge that Cambridge university had constructively dismissed him and breached his contract by offering him a job preparing synthetic pitches at an indoor sports centre.

Mr Pocock, who joined Fenner's when he was 17, had been head groundsman since 1980 and was only the fourth person since 1830 to hold the position. He said afterwards that he was "very disappointed indeed" by the decision. He has not worked since late 1994 because of depression and stress.

Mr Pocock complained that the university had forced him out of his job after complaints about the pitches he prepared for first class games against Worcestershire and New Zealand in the summer of 1994.

The tribunal heard the Fen-



Tony Pocock: criticised for Fenner's pitch preparation

ner's wicket had to be re-laid on the orders of the Test and County Cricket Board. Mr Pocock suffered from depression when an outside contractor was hired.

The TCCB had threatened to withdraw Fenner's status as a venue for first class cricket.

According to evidence to the tribunal, Harry Brind, the TCCB's wicket inspector wrote: "We must stress that the renovation work will be to no avail unless in future the correct methods of pitch preparation and ground maintenance are employed."

Mr Pocock said the pitch problems were caused by a

"dreadfully" wet start to the season. "It would not dry out. There was nothing I could have done to prevent that."

He was supported by the 1995 edition of Wisden cricket annual which said "the wet weather did not help Tony Pocock". His counsel, Ingrid Simla, told the hearing: "They decided to use Mr Pocock as a scapegoat."

Mr Pocock said in evidence, "I loved my job as head groundsman. I would not have willingly given it up for all the world. I had anticipated that it would be a job for life."

Tony Lemois, university director of physical education, said he had been satisfied with Mr Pocock's performance. The new, better-paid job was offered because he thought Mr Pocock might wish to move away from the "immense pressures" at Fenner's. "It is bewildering why he has misunderstood the situation."

The tribunal decided that Fenner's management committee had lost confidence in Mr Pocock and wanted to persuade him to resign.

It had acted inconsiderately in offering him the new job in a way that appeared to threaten his position at Fenner's. But it had dealt with his grievances satisfactorily and assured him his position was not under threat.

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Jonathan Freedland on the winners and losers as Republicans gather in San Diego to try to talk up their flagging presidential campaign

A neutered Newt at the Convention of the Damned

ONCE he was King of the Hill, hailed as the de facto leader of the Republican Party and the most dynamic force in US politics. But tonight Newt Gingrich will address the Republican convention as a backbencher, reduced to speaking for just seven minutes in a slot usually reserved for low-level functionaries.

Republican nominee-to-be Bob Dole from Mr Gingrich, who continues to have the lowest poll ratings since Richard Nixon. Despite his official title as General Chairman of the convention, Mr Gingrich will appear at the podium only rarely. More telegenic deputies will take the chair instead. One cartoon published yesterday showed a junior emptying dustbins under the caption, "Newt's role in San Diego."

ponious Huffington, the Cambridge-educated Republican hostess. "There was a feeling that he was so damaged that he should not have a prominent role." Mr Gingrich's negative ratings have been stubbornly high since last autumn when he led a disastrous partial shutdown of the US government. His unpopularity increased when he complained about being seated at the back of Air Force One on the way to Israel's prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's funeral. America's

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Out on a limb: Gingrich, Lamar Alexander and Pete Wilson

tabloids dubbed him a "cry-baby" and the name stuck. Aides insist that the Speaker — who used to boast that he was more powerful than the President — has not been sidelined in a ploy to extend their San Diego coverage. Mr Blankley rejected claims that Mr Gingrich's unpopularity is hurting Mr

Dole. Noting that polls show Republicans and Democrats in a dead heat in congressional races — while Mr Dole lags far behind Mr Clinton — Mr Blankley asked, "Who's hurting whom?" The scolding of Newt Gingrich is only the most obvious example of how San Diego has divided the Republican Party's top ranks into winners and losers. Also out is former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander, who enjoyed a brief boomlet when he took third place in the Iowa presi-

dential contest in February. Mr Alexander has disappeared from the national scene since then, and has been spotted around San Diego apparently looking for people to talk to and hands to shake. He flew to San Diego on an ordinary flight, along with the reporters who used to cover him. Also out in the cold are the moderate, abortion rights supporting wing of the party. California governor Pete Wilson — a nominal host of the convention — will not speak at all, after he

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Inside track: Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes

was offered and rejected a humble slot. He, too, was once a rival to Bob Dole. Looking like a winner, by contrast, is millionaire Steve Forbes. Grinding his way around the convention centre, the geeky former candidate may have been a loser in politics, but he's a winner in policy. His supply-side economics has been adopted by Mr Dole, who last week proposed a 15 per cent across-the-board tax cut, and his closest ally, Jack Kemp, is now the party number two. "They're sing-

ing my kind of music," he crows. Less sunny, but similarly certain, is the rightwing firebrand Pat Buchanan. Superficially a loser, his anti-immigration, protectionist rhetoric has been adopted in the party manifesto — and bounding mate are committedly anti-abortion. He may look like a loser, but he's really a winner. For Bob Dole, who will be lauded as a hero on Thursday, it could be the other way around.



Sinking ship suddenly finds a new buoyancy... Republican supporters cheer Bob Dole from a ship off San Diego

They can't be serious

How the cream of US commentators see the convention, and the issues and personalities likely to dominate it

DEPORTING OUR CHILDREN IMMIGRANT bashing is due to hit a new low when the Republicans promise to deny citizenship to the children of illegal aliens. This startling and truly mean proposition would dramatically change a bedrock principle of this democracy: no matter where you come from or who your parents are, if you are born on this soil, you are forever an American.

There are all sorts of practical reasons for rejecting this change. Would hospitals have to assume new responsibilities for investigating the citizenship status of new mothers before registering births? Once before, this country denied citizenship to an entire class of native-born Americans whose ancestors had come from Africa not with visas but listed on bills of sale. A great war was fought over their status in this society, and it was resolved in favour of citizenship and full freedom.

For 128 years, every individual born within these borders has started life as the political equal of every other child born here that day. It would be destructive and incredibly vindictive to take that gift from some on the pretext of saving money or discouraging a few desperate pregnant women from sneaking across the border so that their children can be granted a better life. Thoughtful Republicans should be mortified by this language and make every effort to have it removed from the platform.

TOPSY TURVYLAND THE surge for the convention could not be more set if they had glued the folding chairs to the floor. Dress codes have been issued, speeches choreographed. The overall goal will be a sort of reverse Olympic broadcast — a live event that looks as if it were on tape. This convention was designed to be less spontaneous than a Kabuki play, but suddenly there is a new wrinkle

in the script. For the moment, the Republicans and Democrats are not only talking issues but actually taking opposing positions on the biggest one. The presidential campaign now looks as if it will be about tax cuts versus balanced budgets. Bill Clinton and the Democrats are newly converted fiscal realists; Bob Dole improbably heads the Let's Party crowd.

Mr Dole, a longtime balanced-budget man, picked up Jack Kemp's tax-cut theories as well as Mr Kemp himself. We are now in the interesting position of watching a contest in which the Democrats talk about avoiding debt, while Mr Dole urges voters to believe they can have guns and butter and maybe even a little cream on top. — *Leader, New York Times*

FAMILY OF WOES BILL Clinton and Bob Dole will probably each insist that he would be more protective of families values than the other guy. Is there a politician alive who stands against family values? Americans are awash in worry about the stresses that contemporary life is putting on families and particularly on children. The divorce rate is the world's highest; nearly half of all new marriages end in divorce. With polls showing that Americans overwhelmingly want government to strengthen families, there exists an unparalleled opportunity for both talk and action. Indeed, victory in November may go to the candidate that best capitalises on this deep yearning. — *Leader, Los Angeles Times*

Polls give Dole a little lift

Running mate Jack Kemp has raised Republican spirits and Dole's ratings, says Martin Walker, but they have a long way to go yet to challenge Clinton

THE Republican Party convention opened in San Diego yesterday with an overdue display of unity, and suddenly buoyed by opinion polls suggesting that the ticket of Bob Dole and Jack Kemp has already cut back President Clinton's lead to single figures. "This convention is in better heart and better spirits than anyone could have believed possible even a week ago," said party chairman Haley Barbour. "We have a winning ticket. We have the winning message of tax cuts, and everyone knows we have the better man."

Everything began to fall into place over the weekend, as the rightwingers and the Republican moderates in the abortion pro-choice wing agreed to rally behind the ticket, mainly because they feared the impact of a Clinton landslide upon Republican senators, congressmen and state office-holders. Accordingly, New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, the party's leading woman spokesman for abortion rights, agreed in her opening speech last night to avoid the issue and focus on tax cuts instead. The populist rightwinger

Pat Buchanan announced "the temporary truce of San Diego," and called on his supporters to put aside any dreams of a third party, and rally behind the effort to defeat President Clinton. "America does not need a third party. It needs a fighting second party that means what it says and says what it means," Mr Buchanan told a rally of his supporters. But the tensions within the party continued, as the right-wing and religious groups tightened their grip. The Christian Coalition leader, Ralph Reed, who formally endorsed the Dole-Kemp

ticket yesterday, boasted that this week's convention embodied "the largest number of religious conservative delegates at a nominating conference of a major political party in the modern American political period. The evangelical vote is now the base of the Republican Party, and the Roman Catholic vote is now the swing vote in American politics." The truce was also being hailed as a last political victory for Ronald Reagan, suffering from Alzheimer's disease and absent from the convention. But his wife, Nancy, appeared to introduce a highly emotional video tribute to the Reagan legacy last night. And retired general Colin Powell, who served as President Reagan's national security adviser, hailed Reagan as "the man who won

the cold war, built the modern Republican Party and brought me into it." Former president George Bush also spoke last night, to hail his old rival for the presidency as "my old friend and comrade in arms, Bob Dole." In the first full poll taken since Jack Kemp was picked as vice-presidential candidate, the CNN found the Clinton lead down from 20 to nine points in a three-way race. But little of the eight-point rise in the Republican ratings came from Mr Clinton. Most of the improved showing came from former Sen Perot supporters, as his rating dropped from 12 to six points. A USA Today poll, which had shown a Clinton lead of 58 to 35 last week, was down to 53-44 by Saturday, as the selection of Jack Kemp finally energised the Republican

base, and began the process of persuading swing voters to take a second look at Mr Dole. "Not one of the opinion polls is worth much, until after the kids go back to school in September and their parents finally start thinking about the election," Mr John Sununu, former White House chief of staff to President Bush said yesterday. "What is happening now is about restoring morale." There is a predictable bounce in the opinion polls for each party as the national media suddenly focus intensely upon the convention. In 1984, the Democratic candidate Walter Mondale came out of his convention level in the polls with President Reagan, who went on to win by a landslide.

Democrat saturation advertising wins strike first in TV 'air war'

Martin Walker in San Diego HIS campaign war chest exhausted by the end of March after the long primary battles, Bob Dole gets a massive cash injection of \$72 million this week, his share of the federal election funds which are released once he is the formal nominee. That means that finally, Mr Dole can begin what his strategists call "the air war", the TV advertising campaign which has hitherto been dominated by President Clinton who had no primary opposition to drain his finances. Since March, the Clinton-Gore campaign has spent \$18 million on TV ads, and their allies on the Democratic National Committee have spent another \$20 million hammering away at the Republicans. The trade unions have raised another \$35 million that will be spent attacking the Republicans. In the 10 days leading up to this week's Republican

convention, the Democrats have aired over 100 TV ads in the San Diego area, and another 500 in the rest of California, an air war that has left Republican congressmen clamouring for the counter-attack that Mr Dole can at last afford to begin. "If we are the party of the rich, why do they seem to have all the money?" complained Indiana congressman Mark Souder. "Where is the Republican cavalry?" demanded Ohio congressman Robert Ney. "We're getting killed out here." The mystery has been the lack of TV ads from the Republican National Committee, which is unrestrained by the campaign finance rules and the spending limits they imposed on the Dole cam-

aign. RNC chairman Haley Barbour has raised huge sums. In July alone, the RNC raised \$23 million, almost double the previous monthly record. In the first six months of this year, Mr Barbour raised \$42 million in "hard" money, which can be spent on TV, and another \$38 million in "soft" money, which may only be spent on indirect campaigning, like voter education projects. But Mr Barbour has been sitting on the cash mountain, waiting for the intense campaigning season of September and October. "The feeling at the top was that voting decisions are made in the last 10 days," says Frank Lutz, pollster for Speaker Newt Gingrich. "They may still

be proved right, but I'm afraid we have lost some swing voters whose minds are made up." Haley Barbour's team say they are following the Braveheart strategy, after the Mel Gibson film of the Scottish hero, who told his troops to hold and hold and hold until the decisive moment. The bottom line is that the airwaves will be saturated in the two months before November 5 with an unprecedented spurge of TV ads from the Republicans, and from the well-heeled Clinton campaign. And there may be one other entrant with bottomless pockets. Down to 6 per cent in the latest opinion polls, the Texas billionaire Ross Perot has an ego too big to accept the humiliation of a falling too far short of the 20 per cent of the vote he won four years ago. He can afford the \$100 million it would take to it would take to buy his way back to a respectable showing, in what promises to be a bonanza year for the TV companies.

Maverick mayor poops party

Ian Katz on how New York's Rudolph Giuliani is reveling in playing the wild card

HE might have been one of the stars of San Diego: a charismatic Republican mayor of an overwhelmingly Democratic city who has beaten crime, reformed welfare and slashed public spending. But Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York will not be speaking at the convention. In fact he won't even be there. He wasn't invited. The mayor insists he wouldn't have gone anyway. Whoever cast the first snub, Mayor Giuliani's San Diego no-show has added a new layer to the enigma of one of America's most perverse political figures. Feted by his party when he wrested control of America's biggest city three years ago, the pugnacious former prosecutor is now a Republican in name only, a self-styled maverick whose idea of party discipline is turning the music down at midnight. Over the last two years he has attacked Republican positions on welfare and immigration while backing White House initiatives on crime and gun control.

Alone among New York's Republican heavies, Mr Giuliani waited until days before the state's March Republican primary to announce that he would vote for former senator Bob Dole but even then insisted: "Whatever you call this, it is not an endorsement." So alienated has Mayor Giuliani become from his own party establishment that Clinton aides are said to hold out hope of securing his endorsement before the November presidential election. That would not be as far fetched as it might sound. In 1994 Mr Giuliani backed New York's Democrat governor, Mario Cuomo, against his Republican challenger, George Pataki. That gamble backfired disastrously when the Republican outsider won and proceeded to ignore the mayor's anxious phone calls for more than a week. Mayor Giuliani's backing of Mr Cuomo is also considered to have cost New York the 1996 Republican convention.



Giuliani: may even endorse Clinton's re-election bid

toe the party line is driven partly by his loathing of Senator Alfonse D'Amato, the tragically boss of New York state's Republican machine and co-chairman of Mr Dole's campaign. But his contrariness also makes local political sense. Registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by five to one in New York and distancing himself from his party's largely unpopular national leadership could help when he comes up for re-election next year. In a city that has traditionally prided itself as the first refuge of the "huddled masses", being too closely

identified with a party that wants to deny US citizenship to the offspring of illegal immigrants could prove particularly damaging. Mayor Giuliani is not the only Republican big-hitter who will not be on show in San Diego. Los Angeles mayor, Richard Riordan, himself seeking to forge an independent image, will stay away too, while several prominent governors, such as William Weld of Massachusetts and Pete Wilson of California, have been denied speaking slots.

Mr Giuliani has given conflicting signals over whether he will ultimately come out for Mr Dole. On Sunday he applauded the Republican contender's choice of former American football hero Jack Kemp as his running mate. But he also guffawed his decision to stay home. The Guardian partnership in America includes: New York Times; Washington Post; Los Angeles Times; Baltimore Sun; New Republic. Copyright reserved on all these articles.

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Stop the freak show

Fertility issues deserve an informed debate

THE UNFOLDING saga of Mandy Allwood reflects to no one's advantage. First, we have the unedifying spectacle of a woman hawking the contents of her womb in Max Clifford's "marketplace."

The second absurdity is that of the pressure group, Life, supporting Ms Allwood because their absolutist respect for the sacredness of human life is such that they are prepared to run the risk of eight dead foetuses and a dead mother.

What is serious is that for the second time in two weeks the enormously complex and difficult questions surrounding fertility treatment have been reduced to the level of a freak show. Last week, Professor Nicolaidis, the head of foetal medicine at King's College, London, and the consultant in the Allwood case pleaded in the Guardian for an intelligent, informed, dispassionate debate.

doctors in an enormous variety of medical circumstances.)

The medical details with which we have been provided in Ms Allwood's case raise important questions. Why did a woman who has had a child, an abortion and a miscarriage in six years need powerful fertility drugs? Should a woman be given such drugs without the involvement of her partner? Infertility pressure groups rightly point out that the impression of "off-the-shelf" fertility treatment is misleading.

But the Allwood case appears to raise one area of genuine concern. Strict guidelines on counselling, and investigation into the circumstances of the future parents is part of standard procedure of in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) clinics which are tightly regulated by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA).

A case for marriage guidance

Mr Dole has his work cut out keeping his new mate in check

WHEN A CANDIDATE for the US presidential election has lagged as far behind as Bob Dole, he has to resort to desperate measures — like being honest. Asked what impelled him to make the 11th-hour choice of Jack Kemp as his running mate, he replied with one word: "Winning!"

At the least, Mr Kemp has given the US media something to tug and tease into shape. He is nothing if not a communicator, though not of the most disciplined kind, and he is never short of a word, though sometimes too long on them.

Choosing a running mate who speaks on another wavelength is no novelty; Mr Dole's motive for doing so is transparent too. It is not so much that the two candidates differ on a range of issues where Mr Kemp takes a somewhat (although not always consistently)

more liberal view. It is that the more conservative Mr Dole finds himself running a campaign which, to potential voters, looks even further to the right by many degrees. Mr Dole insists he has not had time to read the convention platform, but it is still there with its call for a constitutional amendment banning abortion and its tough language on immigration.

Mr Dole has called for an Olympic campaign and says he is going for gold. The polls can now be expected to show some improvement in the warm glow of a convention "success." Mr Kemp may win a few medals, but will it be enough?

New danger: gutter politics

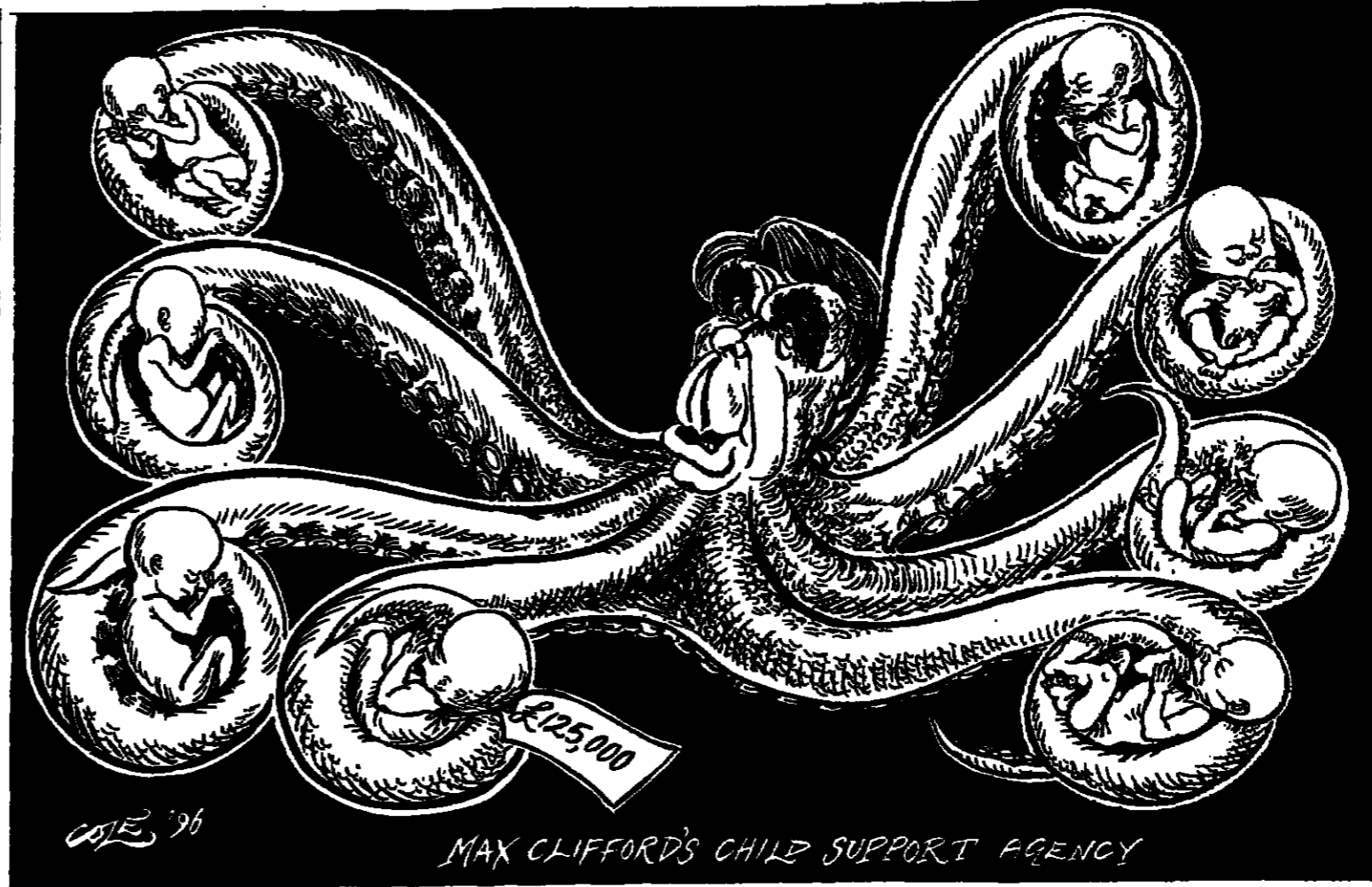
The Tory's latest attack on Tony Blair marks a low point

WITH their new poster featuring Tony Blair with wild demonic eyes, the Conservatives have marked a low-point in British electioneering. There has never been a more vacuous, crude or desperate campaign — and political campaigning has a pretty squalid history.

Responsibility must rest with Brian Mawhinney. Up until now his record as party chairman has been characterised by a stream of gaffes, from the amusing to the distinctly unpleasant. This time he has gone even beyond his previous standards. Dr Mawhinney reacts to criticism of the campaign by claiming that

this is not an attempt to demonise Mr Blair. If that is not the motive, then we can only conclude it is the product of wild panic. Michael Portillo's attempt to link the campaign to a Fabian Society pamphlet (not a Labour Party policy document) on the royal family only heightens the sense of desperation.

In the wake of John Smith's death, all the party leaders spoke of the need for more mature politics. John Major should insist that Central Office terminate this ugly — and ludicrous — attack on the Labour leader, in his own interests if nothing else. If he fails to do so the real "new danger" is that, long before the election, a ratchet effect will lever politics right down into the gutter.



Letters to the Editor

Eight ideas on those embryos

IF WE needed further proof that our cleverness has so far outstripped our wisdom as to verge on lunacy, we have it in Mandy Allwood's attempt to capitalise on her bizarre situation by seeking a £1 million sponsorship deal (Fury at 8-baby birth bonus, August 12).

In a world claiming to be even half-civilised, an injunction would restrain this indefensible exploitation of a freakish and potentially tragic situation, which is akin to exhibiting a two-headed man in a cage for circus audience to gawp at.

than the phenomenon of infertility treatment as a commercial transaction, and parents who, disregarding medical advice, attempt cynically to exploit a doomed multiple pregnancy as a meal ticket.

While the Government pushes the free-market ethos in every sphere (except Parliament), its MPs rush to condemn Mandy Allwood for practising what they preach in setting up her own nice little earner. Are they unable to comprehend cause and effect?

When I refused an offered selective termination for my IVF triplets, I naively approached social services for practical help (none was available). I now realise I should have approached either pro-life groups or the press for a much-needed financial alternative.

Take exception to the view of Jack Scarisbrick of Life (Interview, August 10) as I recover from my abortion which was carried out last Friday. My foetus was 13 weeks old and suffered from a fatal condition known as Turner's syndrome.

To expect a woman to wait for her baby to die when there is no possibility of her living is simply inhumane. I challenge Jack Scarisbrick to justify my not having an abortion.

Are we to assume that Jack Scarisbrick and his friends in the anti-abortion movement will offer Mandy Allwood £35,000 per foetus not to have the abortions which are now so strongly recommended by her doctors?

Professor Scarisbrick's assertion that people with Down's syndrome "bring out the best in people" patronises people with Down's syndrome by stereotyping them as unable to share the same range of emotions and behaviours, positive or negative, as other individuals.

Whatever happened to a woman's right to choose? How has what goes on in a woman's womb become such public property? What right do (male) commentators have to dictate what should happen to a woman's body, a woman's fertility?

Hot on water
WHAT business is the speed limit on Windermere of the Secretary of State for the Environment (Letters, August 12)? Why can't this be decided by the relevant local authority? This episode shows just how centralist we are in this country.

MANY walkers visit the upland fells of the Lake District. No doubt John Gummer, as a director of the low-flying military aircraft Peter Durrane, 25 Swain Road, Thurston Heath, Sharncliffe, Leamington CV7 7AP.

A Country Diary

DARTMOOR: A painting week afforded insights into more than line, tone, colour and brushwork. I was lost in the lanes that plunge confusingly between high banks around South Tawton and South Zeal.

The jury is out on Lord Woolf

I AM writing following Lord Woolf's plan to improve civil justice (Civil law "revolution" plans, July 27). I have practised as a solicitor in Manchester for many years. The administration of Manchester County Court is currently so overstretched that in my last two cases before the court the administrative staff have been unable to carry out the simple task of ensuring that all the case papers were in front of the judge hearing the case.

YOU highlight the problems discovered by the National Audit Office in the administration of legal aid (Millions in legal aid paid in error, August 1). The NAO recommended that operational guidance be improved and that training provision be reviewed.

Legal-aid administration must remain in the magistrates courts if the interests of justice are to be served. The real problems to be resolved are those of staffing levels and training which have been undermined by cash-limited budgets.

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Uncivil service

LORD Mackay of Arden suggests (Letters, August 6) that the only deciding factor on decisions of whether or not to privatise civil-service functions or assets is "whether that transfer increases value for money for the taxpayer".

This report, laid back for almost a year, and discreetly pushed under the door of Parliament after MPs had gone home for the summer recess, proves that the Government's "value-for-money" mantra is no more than a fig leaf to hide an ill-conceived dogma that privatisation should be pursued regardless of cost to the tax-paying public.

New words, old music

THERE is an essential contradiction in New Labour's position on the monarchy, and the other laudable ideas proposed by the Fabian Society for an overhaul of our democracy (Don't save the Queen, Blair urged, August 12).

New Labour ought to steal some of the Conservatives' other clothes and propose the privatisation of the monarchy. Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle could make

excellent five-star hotels with the exception of the private quarters for the royal family. The Government could hold a golden share to prevent foreign ownership, and a special provision could be made to prevent death duties being a burden on the succession.

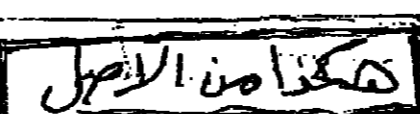
The major controversy of the Fabian Society's proposals is not the future of the royal family but the threat of Andrew Lloyd Webber composing the national anthem. Andrew Procter, 20 Valence Street, London SW17 8PT.

This is (still) London calling

AS A British Project Trust volunteer taking a year out between school and university in Namibia, I have found my short-wave radio to have been an invaluable investment, and find myself always tuning to the BBC World Service. What distress me, therefore, are the reports I hear — though rarely through the BBC itself — of the "nationalisation" of the World Service.

DRIVING to a cricket match in Kew, I heard a World Service report by Simon Winchester on the world's heaviest rainfall in Cherrapunji, in north-east India's Meghalaya state. As a rare western traveller to the region, it meant a great deal to me and a lot more to the district commissioner in the state capital, who faxed to ask if I had heard it.

Bush House is a beacon of sanity in the world. It would be a shame to change a system run by people who live in this country but whose spirits are more often abroad. Has the BBC asked any listeners overseas how much they care about a local road accident, a royal rumour or a UK weather report?



Diary Matthew Norman

A GREAT philanthropist strides forward to inject life into Bol...

THE recent star of Channel 4's I Were Prime Minister...

IN the Daily Mail, some and rational Paul Johnson has a brainwave...

WITH the strike suspended, what better time to garner sympathy for London's Tube drivers?

EVER the gent, Terry Major-Ball rings for lunch on Friday at Simpson's-in-the-Strand...

THOSE contemplating a life of crime in Somerset - scrumping apples or whatever - are advised to avoid Yeovil.



The risk of sounding paranoid

Commentary Geoff Mulgan

NOT long ago a businessman in the computer industry coined a phrase that could stand as a maxim for the late 1990s...

A good decade after they first took the issue on, ac...



Kremlin in chaos

What with power-struggles paralyzing Moscow, and Yeltsin semi-detached, it's not surprising that rebels and soldiers alike are still being slaughtered in Chechnya...

THOSE who ask why Russia has not resolved the Chechen crisis are asking, if not the wrong question, then certainly the less important one...

guards. The British government wants to shunt the burdens of risk - for instance, sick pay - on to employers...

They want to feel in control, with a piece of paper stretched away that will insulate them from disaster...

collective, insurance can never quite deliver the security it promises. There's an obvious conclusion to be drawn: isn't this what governments are for?...

disabled president - a partial president who moves in and out of the decision-making process in an unpredictable fashion...

IT IS always misleading to anthropomorphise countries - the US is seeking this, Britain wants that - but it is particularly misleading in Russia's case...

When, days after the president's re-election, Russian forces began bombarding Chechen villages with aircraft and artillery again...

The current disarray will inevitably change. The only question is how and when. There are encouraging signs that the government and the president's administration...

Yet the walking corpse theory does not stand up either. Mr Yeltsin has been written off too many times before...

Sometimes, perhaps, Mr Yeltsin has believed what he has said; each time he has been wrong, and has been shown to have been wrong by...

Deadly games on the green line



THE MARCHING season in Cyprus is any time, really - any time a sufficient number of Greek Cypriots or the shadowy political hardliners who manipulate local sentiment decide things have got a bit too peaceful...

So today and for weeks to come the Greek-Cypriot media will be screaming their outrage at the brutality of those Turkish Cypriots who on Sunday bludgeoned to death a young Greek protester...

Nor do I believe that those to blame on the Greek side, for breaking into a buffer zone patrolled by UN peacekeepers at the invitation of the Greek Cypriot government, will ever

THIS is not, emphatically, to let leaders of the Turkish-Cypriot minority off the hook over the latest outrage. They occupy a moral low ground only marginally above that of those Greeks who acted first in promoting the weekend's protests...

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Ebb tide... The Baltic exchange trading floor has become little more than a social meeting place in recent years

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Shattered past, uncertain future

In the first of a series on London's little-known multi-billion pound exchanges, LISA BUCKINGHAM finds problems at the Baltic Exchange

UNTIL four years ago, only a smattering of the population would ever have heard of the Baltic Exchange. Then an IRA bomb shattered two-and-a-half centuries of obscurity but left the Exchange gazing down the barrel of its modern destiny. The 1992 bomb wrecked the Baltic's Grade II listed St Mary Axe headquarters — the replacement for which has sparked a bitter row between the Exchange and English Heritage and the City Corporation — but it made the organisation rich thanks to a £26 million insurance settlement. But the windfall created its own problems. Some Baltic members now claim the mar-

ket's 54,000 shares should each fetch between £500 and £600, rather than the present £10. Indeed, an investor is believed to be attempting to float Baltic rules by building a substantial share stake. However, domestic problems are the least of the difficulties facing the Exchange, which was founded in 1744 as one of London's famous coffee houses, the Virginia and Baltic. Its future was thrown into doubt late last month by an inland Revenue raid on Kappa Maritime, a Greek shipping company which is part of the business empire of Lou Kollakis, one of the UK's richest men.

Although the incident appears to be a one-off, it reignited fears among London's Greek shipping community that its favourable tax status is under threat. When President Kennedy took a less benign approach to non-domiciled shipping groups, it annihilated New York's position as a major maritime centre. Without expatriate Greek shipowners — estimated to account for at least one-third of the market — the Baltic Exchange could face a similar fate. Membership of the Exchange did rise a fraction to 670 companies last year and trading on the floor of its new building was initially more vibrant than it had been for years, but the Baltic, like other markets, faces longer term threats. Even though world trade has been growing, there has been a move away from bulk ships towards the time-tabled services operated by container ships. And governments are more inclined to sell goods, such as grain, on the basis that cargoes are carried by the national flag ships, which deprives the open market of these huge contracts. The rapid decline of the

British merchant marine has clearly affected the traditional heartland of the Baltic which, in a consultative paper with Aims of Industry, it sought to address by proposing a British "Lag of convenience" to attract overseas owners to London. But the most potent threat comes from technology. As shipbroking has become a

foreign shipowners and the Government in the recent tax raids on Kappa, Baltic chief executive, Jim Buckley, was given speedy access to Whitehall and the upper echelons of the Inland Revenue, in an attempt to stop an exodus of valuable Greek shipping money. And although self-governance has come in for considerable criticism, and not a life of suspicion, in recent years, the Baltic claims its self-regulatory role is a boon. Officials frequently act as "honest brokers" to pre-empt costly legal action, not only between Exchange members but also with outside companies. And the Exchange can display the identity of traders who default to warn members away. But, like their opposite numbers at other bodies, ranging from the Stock Exchange to Lloyd's, Baltic officials will have to redefine the role of the market if it is to prosper and continue to underwrite London's role as the world's pre-eminent shipping centre.

Baltic officials will have to redefine role of the market if it is to prosper

younger profession, Baltic traders have followed the trend evident in other exchanges — most crucially, face-to-face dealing on a trading floor is foreseen for a quick chat on the phone and an E-mail confirmation. Cargo contracts have also become larger and more complex, so less easily decided by a handshake. Even older brokers admit that the trading floor of the

BAT split planned as cancer case hits shares

Lisa Buckingham

THE tobacco-to-insurance group, BAT Industries, will next month discuss whether to split its operations into two after last week's US court ruling which found it guilty of causing lung cancer. Shares in BAT yesterday plunged 45p to 464p — cutting the company's stock market value by almost £1.4 billion — following the decision to award nearly £300,000 in damages to an long standing smoker who developed lung cancer.

A Florida jury decided last Friday in favour of retired air traffic controller Grady Carter and his wife against Brown & Williamson, a BAT subsidiary. Mr Carter, 68, had been a smoker for 44 years, most of that time as a consumer of Lucky Strikes.

He claimed BAT had been negligent not to warn of the health damage associated with cigarette smoking. BAT said it was confident, as in other cases, of overturning the judgement on appeal. If the group fails, however, it will be the first time a tobacco company has been forced to pay damages. Industry sources are concerned that a host of similar lawsuits might follow.

"The case doesn't make the industry culpable," said Martin Feldman, an analyst at Smith Barney, the American stockbroking group. "It will be overturned."

Analysts said yesterday that internal documents used in the latest case should not have been allowed as part of the trial. An appeal was therefore likely to succeed.

But US companies are feeling the pressure from at least ten state governments which are suing to recover the alleged billions of dollars they have spent nursing smokers under their Medicaid budgets. The shares in other cigarette producers such as RJR Nabisco and Philip Morris were also savaged after the judgement. BAT admitted that it might look at spinning off its financial services operation — which include Farmers in the US and Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar in Britain — at some stage. But a spokesman said the latest US court ruling would not dictate policy. Though BAT has a history of amending its corporate structure as a result of outside influences such as James Goldsmith's £13.5 billion break up bid. A BAT spokesman said, however, that directors were convinced that additional shareholder value could be created from combining insurance and tobacco. The decision on Friday was "a vague verdict, not a trend," the company said. BAT found itself in court after acquiring Lucky Strike cigarettes which were part of the portfolio of American Tobacco which was acquired by the British group early last year.

News in brief

Sainsbury in talks with Royal Ahold

SAINSBURY said yesterday that it was talking to Royal Ahold, the Dutch supermarket group, about possible acquisition of a dozen of Ahold's American supermarkets. Sainsbury, which already owns a number of stores in the United States trading under the name Shaws, said it expected to make a further announcement in the next few weeks, but it would not put a figure on the likely sum involved in the deal, which City analysts expect to be in the region of £50 million. Meanwhile, Sainsbury received a fillip yesterday, when Audits of Great Britain said the company's market share had revived to 21.1 per cent, from 20.6 per cent, while its arch-rival Tesco's share fell from 22.8 per cent to 22.0 per cent. — Ian King

Merger terms 'one-sided'

INSTITUTIONAL shareholders are becoming concerned that a merger between the Insurers Refuge Group and United Friendly, announced last week, is too generous to the holders of full voting shares in United Friendly. While the institutions are supportive of the £1.46 billion merger, industry sources said they were concerned that full voting shareholders, who include members of United's founding family, would receive four times as many shares in the new company, United Assurance, as other shareholders. Institutional shareholders include Britannic Assurance, Mercury Asset Management, Prudential and Legal & General. — Reuters

Long overdue debt up

A RISE in the average value of long overdue debt, to a four-year high of £176,000 per company, was announced yesterday by a leading credit insurer. Trade Indemnity's quarterly financial trends survey showed that the companies suffering most were builders' merchants, food manufacturers and business services firms. The survey supplied fresh evidence that manufacturers were coping with stock overhangs, as the rate of purchase of goods and services needed for future production fell. — Sarah Ryle

Bank predicts house price rise

HOUSE prices could rise by 10 per cent over the next two years, Barclays Bank said last night, following its latest monthly mortgage lending survey results. The survey's total monthly lending on property rose by 5 per cent in July, contributing to an overall rise of 27.5 per cent in mortgage activity against the same time a year ago. Barclays predicted continued growth in the housing sector, as new mortgage commitments also rose by 22 per cent against July last year. — Sarah Ryle

Bayer profits leap 13pc

BAYER, the German chemicals group, announced yesterday a 13 per cent jump in half-year pre-tax profits, to DM2.7 billion (£1.2 billion), helped by spectacular growth at overseas operations. Bayer, which makes drugs, plastics and industrial products, said domestic sales had risen only slightly during the period. However, the company insisted that it was still on target to achieve a 6 per cent improvement in worldwide sales. — Ian King

WPP moves to exploit surplus

Tony May

WPP Group, the world's largest advertising company, has plans to buy back its own shares, raise dividends, launch acquisitions and increase capital expenditure, to boost returns from surplus liquidity. Announcing a jump in first-half profits of 40 per cent to £88.1 million, the London-based parent of agencies J Walter Thompson, Ogilvy & Mather, Worldwide and Comquest Europe said it had won new business in the United States and Latin America. It added that the US presidential elections and the Olympics were likely to boost profits in the second half. In the first half, WPP won new business billings of £587 million from companies including IGO Global Communications, a UK satellite telecommunications company, and an additional assignment from Warner-Lambert. Billings include the price paid for media space and time. The group has come a long

way since the cash crisis of 1990, when debts were \$1 billion (now \$845 million) and its market value slumped to £28 million. The chief executive, Martin Sorrell, said net average debt had fallen from £217 million to £169 million, while bank borrowings were down from £178 million to £78 million. "Average net debt has now fallen 55 per cent from £273 million three years ago. If we meet our objectives for the end of this year we should be investment grade," he added. Geographically, the group made its greatest progress in the US and Asia Pacific/South America. These managed 14 and 15 per cent growth in revenue respectively and accounted for 49 and 18 per cent of total group revenue. Overall, revenue jumped 13.7 per cent to £833.2 million, and the group indicated that revenues for July were up 10 per cent because demand for advertising time in the run-up to the US presidential elections, due in November, and coverage of the Olympic Games, had pushed up prices.

Trafalgar burden drags on Kvaerner

Pauline Springett

PROFITS at Norwegian shipping and engineering group Kvaerner have been badly dented by its £904 million acquisition of the loss-making Trafalgar House construction group. Kvaerner's half-year profits to the end of June were nearly 56 per cent lower than in 1995, at £71.3 million. Erik Tonseth, Kvaerner's president and chief executive officer, said: "The group's performance during the second quarter of the year was significantly affected by the acquisition of Trafalgar House, on 18 April." But Mr Tonseth insisted that there was good reason for optimism about the future and added that cost-cutting measures designed to blend the two businesses together were now underway. Kvaerner has already started a £1 billion disposals programme. Mr Tonseth pointed to the 48 per cent rise in sales to

£2.3 billion during the first half, a doubling of the order backlog to £2.8 billion and a 30 per cent rise in new orders to £1.7 billion. Operating profits fell to £56.1 million from £86.6 million. The interim results included one-off gains of £26 million on the sale of ships and £33 million from the sale of other assets. The acquisition of Trafalgar House turned Kvaerner into one of the world's biggest manufacturers of offshore oil and gas equipment, and strengthened it in the important South-east Asian market. "Quite simply we aim to be the global leader in engineering and construction," said Mr Tonseth yesterday. The worst performing parts of the group were Kvaerner's mechanical engineering business, and Trafalgar's luxury cruise line, Cunard. Few analysts would be surprised to see Cunard disposed of, although Mr Tonseth appears to be in no rush. Yesterday he said no decisions have yet been made about it.

Itching to sell artificial skin

Lisa Buckingham

SMITH & Nephew, the health-care group whose consumer products include Elastoplast and Simple soap, yesterday unveiled a 6 per cent rise in first-half profits to £90.8 million, despite continued tough trading conditions in America. But the company predicted that its foray into the higher-profit hi-tech sector of artificial skin would deliver extra sales of up to \$500 million (£323 million) a year by the turn of the century. Although Dermagraft is currently aimed at the specialist diabetic foot ulcer market in America, the company is clearly confident of its acceptance even at a time when health-care reforms are making new sales and improvements in profit margins hard to secure. If S&N achieves \$600 million of revenue on its new product, that would be the equivalent of half its chosen market, and analysts predict that artificial skin has much more to aim for worldwide and in wider applications.

The company's half-time results were in line with expectations as strong sales in Europe, Asia and its domestic UK market offset stagnating demand in the US, where sales revenue rose only 1 per cent to £223.1 million. Shares slipped just 1/4p to 199p. The group's health-care division — which manufactures artificial limbs and bone products — raised its sales by 14 per cent to £454.7 million. That amounted to nearly twice the level achieved by the consumer business, which also includes brands such as Nivea and Lil-lets tampons, and where sales were ahead 8 per cent at £24.7 million. Apart from the US, it was Britain which provided S&N with its toughest market conditions, and sales were pushed up by 4 per cent to £86.5 million. That compares with growth rates of about 10 per cent achieved in the less developed trading areas of Asia, Africa and Australia, while continental Europe delivered growth of 9 per cent at £131 million.

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TRIUMPH FOR JOCKEY AFTER SIX MONTH WAIT



Whip hand... Walter Swinburn makes final adjustments before his winning return at Windsor yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

Swinburn back with a winner

Chris Hawkins on a comeback that had racegoers cheering

WALTER SWINBURN had the dream of returning to racing yesterday after his life-threatening fall in Hong Kong six months ago when winning on his first mount back, Talathath, at Windsor.

Trainer awaits tests on 'poisoned' horses

when falling on Mr Sox, who is trained by Shally, at Southwell on July 19. Shally has refuted allegations that Mr Sox had raced with a cracked pelvis.

Chris Hawkins on a comeback that had racegoers cheering

Six months ago as he lay in a coma with a head, shoulder and rib injuries after Liffey River had wrapped him around the running rail at Sha Tin, it looked long odds against him ever riding again.

Perry talks himself into major defeat

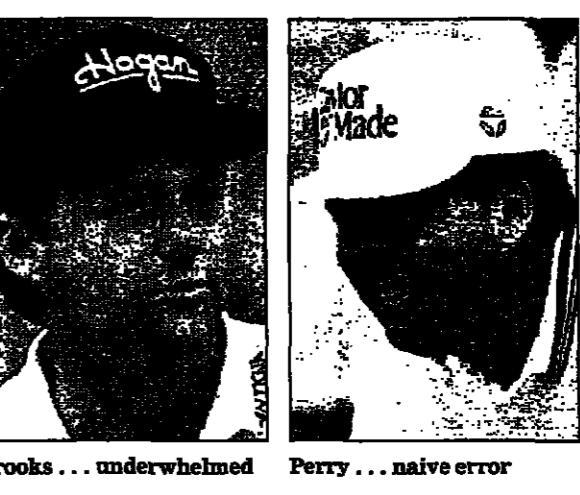
David Davies on a crazy few minutes that handed the US PGA title to Mark Brooks

THE UNCONSIDERED Kenny Perry played 17 near-perfect holes in the final round of the US PGA Championship at the Valhalla Club in Kentucky on Sunday.

But, as Brooks had been in the day's final group, there was no time available and he had to go back on to the course to the very tee where, half an hour previously, he had made such a hash of the hole.

Not unnaturally he made a hash of it again. Again he hooked his tee shot, again he could move the ball only further up the rough and again he was left of the green in three.

Someone should have done both Perry and the station itself a favour by suggesting, after he had done his initial



Brooks... underwhelmed Perry... naive error

Ken Oliver

AURA SHALLY, the Derbyshire permit holder, who has lost three of her string in mysterious circumstances, expects the results of samples taken from the dead horses to be known today or tomorrow.

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Ice Hockey

A legend temporarily goes to the Devils

GLENN ANDERSON, a former star of the Stanley Cup, will play for the Cardiff Devils this month.

Bath card with guide to the form

Table of horse racing results for Bath, including race numbers, names, and winners.

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Advertisement for RACELINE featuring 'DOUBLE BOUNCE' and 'BATH SOUTHWELL IRISH' with contact information.

Cricket

England v Pakistan: second Test, final day

England selectors drawn into dilemma

Mike Selvey at Headingley

ONCE England had failed to take the initiative on the first morning this was always going to be a difficult game for them to win and, as expected, it meandered to a draw yesterday.

Scoreboard

Table with cricket scores for Pakistan and England, including batsmen and bowlers.

then into the lead on Sunday they still had the vaguest of chances yesterday but victory depended on some incisive bowling.

There is something vaguely familiar about the way this series is panning out. Two years ago South Africa won the first Test at Lord's and then played out a draw at Leeds.

Although re-laying this pitch strangled the life out of it, making batting easier than anticipated, much fell into place during this game.

The selectors have a dilemma on their hands, however. If they are to have a chance of winning at The Oval, they need all the bowling they can get.

Certainly his left-handedness helped to counter the threat of Wasim Akram in particular but there is a belief that Crawley is the only batsman in the England side who can read Mushtaq's leg spin.



Moment to savour... a rare wicket for Michael Atherton as his Lancashire team-mate Wasim Akram is trapped leg-before

Gough and, maybe, Malcolm. And the most gentle of leg-breaks and after long deliberation was given out leg-before by Steve Bucknor.

history. But Wasim offered no more put in jeopardy the future of international cricket here.

tion and merely leads to larger but profits for the Leeds Cricket Football and Athletic Company. A complete ban seems more realistic.

However, the new England Cricket Board will need to look long and hard at its sponsors. Tolley put around £1 million a year into the England team but it is not morally right for cricket to encourage people to drink and then criticise them when they get drunk.

McKnight pointed out that Connolly has not received any loyalty bonus from Super League. He has, in fact, signed a contract with the Australian Rugby League, which he is due to join in 1998.

Rugby League

Wigan three to take on RFL

Paul Fitzpatrick

WIGAN'S Va'anga Tuigamala, Gary Connolly and Henry Paul are on a legal collision course with the Rugby Football League, which is threatening to bar their planned moves into rugby union.

Maurice Lindsay, the game's chief executive, has told all 12 Super League clubs they must seek permission before releasing players to union.

The three Wigan backs are expected to sign short winter contracts soon - Tuigamala with Wasps, Paul with Bath and Connolly with Harlequins - but Lindsay warned that News Corporation, who are putting a total of £87 million into the game, did not want to see Super League diluted by players going part-time.

But David McKnight, agent to the three players, said he was surprised the RFL was involving itself in this way and warned: "If it is true, the matter may end up in a solicitor's hands."

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The agent added that none of the three Wigan men has any desire to leave rugby league. "They are merely looking for the opportunity to play for five months when there is no rugby league whatsoever," he said.

The Wigan chairman Jack Robinson echoed the RFL's words, doubting the RFL's action would be enforceable. "We cannot have a retrospective agreement after other players have been allowed to go to union," said Robinson. "We would have to support our players. It's the RFL's fault for this season being so short."

County championship: Glamorgan v Leicestershire

Foxes confounded by last pair

David Foot at Swansea

ALL of that intensive bonding by Leicestershire, appearing to the wide-eyed St Helen's spectators as if it verged on religious fervour, was ultimately in vain as Glamorgan's last pair held out for a draw in this absorbing example of last-day cricket.

Glamorgan had been challenged to score 335 in 86 overs. With eight balls left, Gibson, who had batted so

well for a second time in this match - let us politely forget his bowling, which theoretically is more crucial to him as he hopes for a new contract - was bowled by Macmillan.

That left only Metson and Kendrick, with a straggled pair in vain as Glamorgan's last pair held out for a draw in this absorbing example of last-day cricket.

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aries, was his fourth hundred of the season. Only Alan Jones has scored more in total for the county.

The 11 points Leicestershire took from this match put them a single point behind Surrey at the top of the table. Their slow bowlers, Brimston, Pierson and Macmillan, all found consistent spin - and wickets - in this swaying contest.

By the end they had every fielder round the bat. They played like impassioned siblings, chourusting their regular

appeals, superstitiously swapping caps, going in and out of little arcane circles as one Glamorgan batsman after another walked off.

Over the first 29 overs Glamorgan had scored without loss and their daunting target was looking less inaccessible. Then James was leg-before to Simmons; after that a succession of home players trilled with native affection without taking on the spinners.

Maynard was shaping like the most mature of batsmen before he needlessly charged, to be stumped. Cottee, the double-century maker, was this time out as he swung inelegantly. Butcher was brilliantly run out by Habib; Croft went at extra cover.

Leicestershire had declared at 231 for seven. Of the four wickets that fell in the morning three went to Croft, giving him four for 47 and a justifiably approving word from the Test selector David Grayveney. Swansea would never complain if the matches here, which are also on the decline, contained such competitive drama. Glamorgan even viewed at one stage a third win in a row. And finally one comes back to Leicestershire's demonstration of bonding. It seems a pity that one of their players confided: "This all started early in the season when we got together to keep warm."

Scoreboard

Table with cricket scores for Glamorgan and Leicestershire, including batsmen and bowlers.

County Table

Table with county cricket league standings, including teams like Surrey, Essex, and Gloucestershire.

Bevan and Law keep counties on weather alert

YORKSHIRE and Essex will take keen interest in this morning's weather forecast as they prepare for the NatWest Trophy semi-finals at Old Trafford and The Oval, writes Paul Weaver.

The Australians Michael Bevan of Yorkshire and Essex's Stuart Law have to be at Heathrow Airport tonight to fly out and join their fellow countrymen in Sri Lanka. If the forecast is bad and today's matches look like going into second days, both could be left out. The ACB has refused to delay their departures.

Law has the shorter journey. He plays at Surrey while Bevan faces a 220-mile journey from Old Trafford, where Yorkshire play Lancashire.

Yorkshire have hired a helicopter to air-lift Bevan to the airport but Richard Kettleborough, 23, stands by for his debut in the competition. "It's a shame I shan't be able to play at Lord's but, if I can get the side to the final, that's a job well done," said Law.

The Final of the NatWest Trophy is only a day away.

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